

# Spring Birdathon to Benefit Indiana Dunes!

For over 20 years now, teams of birders have scoured the May migration woodlands, wetlands, prairies, and lakeshore along Lake Michigan to record our plentiful bird species all for charity. These such birdathons, involving teams representing conservation organizations, coming together in the spirit of friendly competition and birding to have fun and raise money for their sponsoring organizations. Visitors to the Indiana Dunes enjoy a wide variety of programming and special events. Many of these would not be possible if it were not for the Friends. In addition, the majority are offered at no cost to our visitors.



*Black-throated Green Warbler  
by John Cassady*

For the third time, our intrepid team from the Indiana DNR will be setting out to record our goal of 140 species to raise money for the Friends of Indiana Dunes. On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> our team will be starting at 2:30am for owls, whippoorwills, and nighthawks, and race towards the finish line by 7pm, picking up raptors, shorebirds, and warblers along the way.

How can you help raise money for the Friends of Indiana Dunes? It's easy. Simply fill out the form on the bottom and send it in by May 13<sup>th</sup> (do it today, while it is on your mind!). Last year our team found 123 species of birds. If you had pledged a dime for each species, you would have \$12.30...you get the idea! If you want to challenge our team with an extra \$5.00 for a specific bird, maybe your favorite rare bird, please do so. This is a fun way to raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

The full list of birds will be sent to all that pledge, and allow us to set some goals for next year. Oh yes, as always, your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law. Thank you!

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Yes, I would like to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for each species of bird seen on May 15 by  
the Friend's Birdathon Team.  
Favorite Bird Pledges (extra \$5.00)

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You will be notified of our success and your  
pledge amount after the May 15, 2010 event.  
All donors will be thanked in the Dune's Echo  
and will receive a list of birds. All \$1.00 a bird  
pledges will receive special recognition.  
Please call 219-926-1390 if you have any  
questions. ***Thank you for helping the Friends  
of Indiana Dunes and the Duneland birds!***

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